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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	<b>Division of Professional Regulation</b> 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building <b>Second Floor Conference Room A</b> Dover, Delaware
MINUTES APPROVED:	01/27/2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH, **President**  
Irvin Bowers, Public Member, **Vice President**  
James Elder, LCDP, **Secretary**  
Ruth Banta, Public Member  
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT  
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH  
Sherry Lambertson, Public Member  
Dr. Rosemary Madl-Young, Ph.D., LCDP  
William Northey, Ph.D., LMFT

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Tracey Frazier, Psy.D., LCDP  
Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member  
Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed.D., LPCMH

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Durk Lee  
Robin Mendes  
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General  
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III  
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

**ALSO PRESENT**

Laurie Denham

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Drevno called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

MHCDP Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2015

The Board reviewed the October 28, 2015 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried with Dr. Madl-Young abstaining.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Deliberations on Proposed Amendments to Board's Rules and Regulations**

The Board held their deliberations from the October 28, 2015 public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the board's rules and regulations. It was noted that no additional written comments had been received. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to accept the proposed amendments as previously published. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Update from Legislative Committee**

Dr. Northey advised the Board that the Legislative Committee reviewed the proposed telepractice regulations that Ms. Singh previously presented to the Board. The Legislative Committee made no changes to the proposed regulations that the Board reviewed on October 28, 2015. The Legislative Committee recommended that the Board accept the proposed revisions to the regulations.

Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendations. Motion unanimously carried. A public hearing will be scheduled for January 27, 2016.

### **Final Denial of LMFT Application for David Newman (Board Proposed to Deny Application on October 28, 2015)**

Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to deny David Newman's LMFT application, as he does not meet the statutory or regulatory requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review Previously Tabled LACMH Application for Giannina Figueroa**

The Board reviewed the previously tabled LACMH application for Giannina Figueroa, as well as the updated supervisory reference form from Jessica Whisler. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the application. Motion carried with Dr. Northey opposing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review of Applications for LACMH Licensure**

The Board reviewed the application for LACMH licensure for Brooke Denison. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to table the application for a detailed explanation from Ms. Denison regarding the steps she took to attempt to locate a LPCMH for supervision, as well as the compelling clinical reasons as to why she is proposing another licensed professional as her supervisor. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LACMH licensure for Melissa Hickey. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LACMH licensure for Je'Nai Marshall. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LACMH licensure for Crysta Tilghman. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LACMH licensure for Debra Hutz. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to table the application for a detailed explanation from Ms. Hutz regarding the steps she took in attempt to locate a LPCMH for supervision, as well as the compelling clinical reasons as to why she is proposing another licensed professional for her supervisor. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LACMH licensure for Virginia Turssline. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity for Thomas Craney. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to propose to deny the application, as the Board has determined that Maryland's statutory requirements for licensure are not substantially similar to Delaware; Maryland accepts certification from the National Association of School Psychologists, which is not an acceptable certifying organization for licensure in Delaware. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity for Janet Wisinger. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Northey to table the application, as Louisiana's statutory requirements for licensure are not substantially similar to Delaware. Correspondence shall be sent to Ms. Wisinger advising her that Louisiana's statutory requirements are not substantially similar, but it appears that she would meet the requirements for licensure by certification. If she wishes to apply by certification, she will need to amend her application and have Louisiana send proof of her experience. Motion carried with Dr. Madl-Young abstaining.

#### Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by certification for James Elder. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the application. Motion carried with Mr. Elder recusing.

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by certification for Harold Fisher, Jr. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review and Consider Recommendations from Chief Hearing Officer Regarding Laurie Denham (Case 33-02-15)

Ms. Denham addressed the Board, and presented verbal comments to the Board regarding the recommendation of the Chief Hearing Officer's report for Case 33-02-15.

Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to accept the Chief Hearing Officer's conclusions of law and findings of fact, and that the recommended discipline be modified to reflect that the CE be completed in a face-to-face setting. Additionally, that Ms. Denham is to be under the supervision of a Board approved supervisor, and she must meet with her supervisor for at least one hour a month for the six-month probationary period. The supervision plan shall address the issues that led to the discipline and the supervisor shall submit quarterly supervision reports. Motion carried with Mr. Cherneski and Mr. Cooper recusing.

#### Review and Consider Change to LAMFT Written Plan for Mary Burns

The Board considered the request to change the LAMFT written plan for Mary Burns, to reflect that Dr. William Northey will be providing clinical supervision. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the change to the written plan. Motion carried with Dr. Northey recusing.

#### Correspondence

Review Correspondence from the AASCB Regarding Educational Requirements

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the AASCB regarding educational requirements for licensees. The AASCB is encouraging state boards to accept CACREP accreditation as the industry standard. The Board took no action.

Review Correspondence from the North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners Regarding Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners suggesting that a reciprocity agreement be established between North Dakota and Delaware. The Board took no action, as they do not enter into reciprocity agreements.

**Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)**

There was no other business before the Board.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

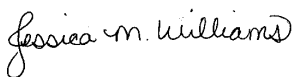
**Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams  
Administrative Specialist II